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## Homeowner Opportunity Program (HOP)

### *Homeownership Guide* *“Moving Checklist”*



### ***HOMEOWNERSHIP GUIDE*** ***“Moving Checklist Overview”***

- A. Turning on/off utilities
- B. Post office change of address
- C. Cable, internet, etc.
- D. Packing materials
- E. Transportation arrangements (if needed)





### *Leaving the old...*

- ✓ Once you have elected to relocate, the countdown process to move to your new home begins.
- ✓ You will start working with the realtor and your Mobility Counselor to find your new home.
- ✓ Now is the time to start planning your move from your current home to your new home.
- ✓ This presentation will give you an idea of the steps required to make a smooth transition to your new home.

## *Weekly preparation before your move*

### **6 Weeks**

- ✓ Plan how you will move valuables and difficult to replace items (certified mail, or carry them with you).
- ✓ Begin clearing out unnecessary items from your home. Separate items into those you will keep, donate or discard.
- ✓ Plan a garage sale.

### **5 Weeks**

- ✓ Order boxes and moving supplies.
- ✓ Begin packing items you don't use often.
- ✓ Clearly label each box with its contents and the room it will go to.
- ✓ Don't underestimate how much time it will take to pack up your house. You will be amazed at how much you have collected through the years.

## *Weekly preparation Cont'd*

### **4 Weeks**

- ✓ Reserve your moving company (if applicable).
- ✓ Notify these utility services of your move (both at current and new locations):
  - Electric
  - Water
  - Gas
  - Telephone
  - Cell phone
  - Cable/satellite and Internet
  - Sewer/Trash (if applicable)

### **3 Weeks**

- ✓ Have a garage sale
- ✓ Consider how you will move your furniture and boxes to your new home.
- ✓ If you will rent a truck or trailer from a rental agency, finalize arrangement.
- ✓ Factors to consider in your choice to hire movers, do-it-yourself, or recruit family and/or friends.
  - Budget
  - # of items to move
  - Availability of help

# Moving Checklist



## *Weekly preparation Cont'd*

### **2 Weeks**

- ✓ Provide Change of Address to Doctor, Dentist, Health Insurance Provider, Insurance Agent, Schools.
- ✓ Provide Change of Address to Auto finance company, Bank/Credit Union/Finance Companies, credit card companies, Magazines, Newspapers, Pharmacy and other service providers.
- ✓ Notify these government offices:
  - City/County Tax Assessor
  - State Vehicle Registration
  - Social Security Administration
  - Veterans Administration
  - United States Postal Service

### **1 Week**

- ✓ Notify friends and family of new address
- ✓ Drain gas and oil from lawn equipment, gas grills, heaters, etc.
- ✓ Drain water hoses and waterbeds.
- ✓ Measure furniture and doorways to determine if larger pieces will fit through the door.
- ✓ Empty and defrost refrigerator at least 24 hours before the move.
- ✓ Have ice chest and dry ice on hand.
- ✓ Items to have on hand include cleaning supplies, light bulbs, air conditioning filters, window covering, household dolly, and moving disc (that go under corners of furniture for ease of movement).

# Moving Checklist

## ...On to the New

### Moving Day

- ✓ Personally supervise hired labor.
- ✓ Load goods in a pre-designated order, saving “last load” items for the rear of your truck.
- ✓ Check every room and closet one last time to make sure nothing is left behind.
- ✓ Provide a note with your new address to a neighbor so they can forward stray mail.



## *Moving in Checklist*

- ✓ Get a new driver's license and auto tags, register to vote, etc.
- ✓ Enjoy your new home!







- Review handouts
  - Q&A